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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6,7,9,10,14 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6,7,9,10,14 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims **6-7, 9-10, and 14-15** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims **6, 9-10, and 14-15** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Mault (US Pub No: 2003/0208409)** in view of **Hack (US Pub No: 2003/0109286)**.

As to **claim 6**, Mault discloses a display station for use in a wireless “**Fig. 2, item 30 Wireless transceiver**” communication with an information source (page 5, par. [0046] “**remote computer 20, such as a server system**”). However, Mault does not specifically disclose that comprising: a flexible substrate having light emitting circuits carried thereby to form a flexible display screen; and electronic circuits carrier said flexible substrate and including speech recognition circuits, and a radio

frequency transceiver for permitting said wireless communication with the information with the information source “page 3, par. [0036], **transceiver 112**”, and means for winding up said flexible display screen.

In the same field of invention, Hack specifically discloses that a flexible substrate having light emitting circuits carried thereby to form a flexible display screen (page 5, par. [0051], [0055]); and electronic circuits carrier said flexible substrate and including speech recognition circuits (page 3, par. [0038], display drivers (page 5, par. [0059] “**the processor 103 is adapted to extract display data from the input radio signals**”), and a radio frequency transceiver for permitting said wireless communication with the information with the information source “page 3, par. [0036], **transceiver 112**”, and means for winding up said flexible display screen (page 5, par. [0056] “**the display 106 to wind around the rod 113**”).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide for winding up the flexible display screen as taught by Hack to the system of Mault in order to has a low power and providing meaningful information to the user.

As to claim 9, Mault further discloses the display station of claim 8 wherein said means for winding up includes a spring that winds up and stores energy as said display screen is extended from its stored position to an extended position (page 5,

par. [0051], and can be activated to retract said display screen from said extended position to said stored position (page 5, par. [0051], [0053]).

As to **claim 10, 15**, Mault further discloses the display station of claim 6 wherein said electronic circuits also include the ability to drive sound-generating devices (page 3, par. [0036-0037]).

As to **claim 14**, Mault discloses a display station for use in wireless communication with an information source (page 5, par. [0046] “**remote computer 20, such as a server system**”); said display screen having a free end of said display screen for serving as a weight to cause said display screen to hang substantially straight (page 2, par. [0014]).

However, Mault does not specifically disclose that comprising: a flexible substrate having light emitting circuits carried thereby to form a flexible display screen (page 5, par. [0051], [0055]); and electronic circuits carrier said flexible substrate and including speech recognition circuits (page 3, par. [0038], display drivers (page 5, par. [0059] “**the processor 103 is adapted to extract display data from the input radio signals**”), and a radio frequency transceiver for permitting said wireless communication with the information with the information source “page 3, par. [0036], **transceiver 112**”. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide for flexible

display screen as taught by Hack to the system of Mault in order to has a low power and providing meaningful information to the user.

4. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mault in view of Hack and further in view of **Valdes (US Pub No: 2002/0167536)**.

As to claim 7, the combination of Mault and Hack do not disclose the display station of claim 6 wherein said electronic circuits are contained in a box that hangs below said display screen, causing it to hang straight.

Valdes discloses wherein said electronic circuits are contained in a box that hangs below said display screen, causing it to hang straight (col. 3, par. [0044]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the electronic circuits are contained in the box as taught by Valdes to the system of Mault and Hack in order to prevent of damage the electronic circuits.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUOC H. DOAN whose telephone number is 571-272-7920. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LESTER G. KINCAID can be reached on 571-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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